
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2398

State of Washington

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By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Graves, Jinkins, Sawyer, Pollet, Valdez, and Appleton)

READ FIRST TIME 01/26/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to jury selection; and amending RCW 2.36.080.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.36.080 and 2015 c 7 s 3 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) It is the policy of this state that all persons selected for
6 jury service be selected at random from a fair cross section of the
7 population of the area served by the court, and that all qualified
8 citizens have the opportunity in accordance with chapter 135, Laws of
9 1979 ex. sess. to be considered for jury service in this state and
10 have an obligation to serve as jurors when summoned for that purpose.

11 (2) It is the policy of this state to maximize the availability
12 of residents of the state for jury service. It also is the policy of
13 this state to minimize the burden on the prospective jurors, their
14 families, and employers resulting from jury service. The jury term
15 and jury service should be set at as brief an interval as is
16 practical given the size of the jury source list for the judicial
17 district. The optimal jury term is one week or less. Optimal juror
18 service is one day or one trial, whichever is longer.

19 (3) A citizen shall not be excluded from jury service in this
20 state on account of membership in a protected class recognized in RCW

1 49.60.030, or on account of (~~race, color, religion, sex, national~~
2 ~~origin, or~~) economic status.

3 (4) This section does not affect the right to peremptory
4 challenges under RCW 4.44.130, the right to general causes of
5 challenge under RCW 4.44.160, the right to particular causes of
6 challenge under RCW 4.44.170, or a judge's duty to excuse a juror
7 under RCW 2.36.110.

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